

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	: Group Art Unit of Parent App. 09/556,158: 3623
R. de Sylva et al.	: Examiner of Parent App: Boyce, Andre D
Filed: January 22, 2004	: Date: January 22, 2004
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD	:
FOR FACILITATING	:
INTERACTION BETWEEN	:
PARTICIPANTS IN A	:
TRANSACTION	:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests that the accompanying remarks be considered: